

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having an elongated elliptical shape, comprising:

a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's body;

a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's garment;

an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back sheet;

a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of the back sheet;

a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the mini-sheet; and

a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer,

wherein the mini-sheet is provided so that it covers a finger application point that is in contact with a wearer's vagina; and

wherein the mini-sheet is bonded ~~at a peripheral edge~~ to one end of the back sheet along an edge of the elliptical interlabial pad so as to form a pocket shaped finger insertion space.

2. (Canceled).
3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 2, wherein at least a part of the mini-sheet is stretchable or elastically extensible at least in respect to a lateral direction of the interlabial pad.

5. (Currently Amended): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having an elongated shape, comprising:

a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's body;

a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's garment;

an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back sheet;

a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of the back sheet;

a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the mini-sheet; and

a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer,

wherein the mini-sheet is provided so that it covers a finger application point that is in contact with a wearer's vagina; and

wherein the mini-sheet is formed of a pair of flap portions extending from lateral sides of the interlabial pad, across the back sheet, the mini-sheet having an affixing portion at an end of each flap portion in order to affix the ends of [each] the pair of flap portion to each other.

12. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, comprising an upheaval area on the surface sheet, the upheaval area protruding toward the wearer's body along the longitudinal direction of the surface sheet.

13. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the back sheet is made of moisture permeable material.

14. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein the pad is ~~composed of~~ formed with at least one of biodegradable material, ~~and/or~~ water-soluble material ~~and/or~~ and water dispersible material.

15. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for incontinence.

16. (Currently Amended): The interlabial pad of claim [[1]] 5, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.

17. (Previously Presented): An interlabial pad manufacturing method for manufacturing the interlabial pad of claim 5, comprising:

setting longer a pair of wings ordinarily disposed at both side portions of a sanitary napkin; and bonding said wings to form said mini-sheet.

18. (New) The interlabial pad, according to claim 5, wherein the affixing portion comprises a notch at each end of a flap portion, the notch dividing each end into two separate tips, the tips of each end of a flap portion are cross-connected with each other so as to form the mini-sheet.

19. (New) The interlabial pad, according to claim 5, wherein the affixing portion comprises an adhesive applied to one end of one flap portion, wherein the other end of the flap portion is overlapped on the adhesive so as to form the mini-sheet.